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## Women of color make gains in jobs, promotions

Stubborn Patterns Still Persist among African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American Women. A new U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) study, "Women of Color: Their Employment in the Private Sector," reveals that women of color now comprise 14.5 percent of America's private sector work force, a major increase from a decade earlier.

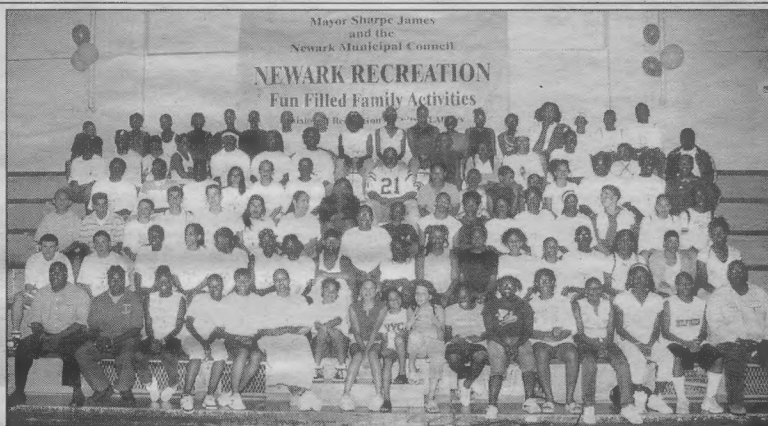
The employment of each group of women examined African American, Hispanic, Asian and Native American grew during this period. Similarly, more women from all four groups obtained employment as officials and managers, though numbers vary widely by industry. "Women of color have made noteworthy gains, both in terms of workplace numbers and status," said Commission Chair Can M. Dominguez. "Still, we see some stubborn patterns needing our attention. Too many women of color are concentrated in certain industries and appear to have plateaued in lower occupational categories.

We are also mindful that women of color tend to file more charges of discrimination against a handful of industries." Of all women of color, African Americans continue to represent the highest rate of employment (7.6 percent of the total work force). However, during the past decade, they have made the smallest gains with regard to total employment and higher level positions far below the growth rates of Hispanic and Asian women.

Meanwhile, African American women exceed their work force representation as sales workers, clericals and service workers. The Nursing and Residential Care Facilities industry employs the largest percentage of African American women, as well as the largest percentage of women overall.

The most dramatic improvement in overall employment was among Hispanic women (now 4.7 percent of the total work force), whose rate of growth exceeded 100 percent over the 10-year period.

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## Newark youth win two gold medals in 2003 Youth Games

Newark's sports superstars of the future brought home the gold from the 2003 U.S. Youth Games in San Francisco July 26-28, earning first place honors in Boys' Track and Field and Girls' Basketball. Newark athletes took home nine medals overall in this nationwide Olympic-style competition for youngsters aged 13-15.

In addition to the two gold medals, Newark earned two silver medals and five bronze medals in the Youth Games, competing in 10 sports and

against 11 other cities from around the United States.

"Every single Newarker who competed in San Francisco is a winner," said Mayor Sharpe James, who accompanied the team to the west coast. "They learned valuable lessons about life, teamwork, achievement, and sportsmanship. They played hard, they played well, they made friends, and they expanded their talents and horizons. I salute our medal recipients and congratulate all of our winners."

In the opening ceremonies

at Yerba Buena Gardens on July 25, Newark's mayor passed the Youth Games Torch to San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown Jr.

Newark's team of 136 athletes, 22 coaches, and 15 chaperones competed in all 10 events: co-ed bowling, boys' and girls' basketball, co-ed golf, girls' volleyball, boys' soccer and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' swimming, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' tennis, boys' flag football, a co-ed academic bowl, and boys' and girls' track and field.

## CBC responds to Bush Urban League address

PITTSBURGH (NNPA) — Almost immediately after President George W. Bush's address to the National Urban League at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings borrowed a phrase from radio commentator Paul Harvey, calling a press conference to give "the other side of the story."

As chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Cummings said Bush failed to mention his party under-funded his No Child Left Behind Act by cutting \$9 billion.

Cummings said Bush also failed to give the caucus credit for spearheading the issue of combating AIDS in Africa.

"And the first thing he did

after his trip to Africa was to slash the funding from \$3 billion a year for five years to \$2 billion," said Cummings. "That's the other side of the story."

Prior to the president's speech, which focused largely on social problems, the economy and education, Cummings said he asked guests at a power breakfast to keep four questions in mind as Bush spoke:

Is it a statement of our national values to give massive tax cuts to those who need it the least, while denying child tax credits to \$2.4 million African-Americans?

To pass tax cuts for the rich while shortchanging education by \$9 billion, under-funding the

NCLB, freezing student aid and funding to historically Black colleges;

To cut taxes, when, for a fraction of the cost, every child up to age 18 could have universal health care and drug benefits could be given to every senior citizen, and

Is it a statement of our values to dismantle Head Start, which has expanded opportunities for every child?

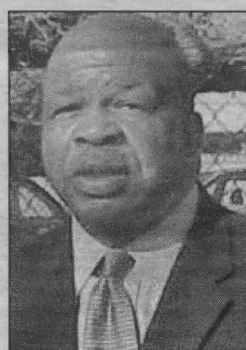
"He wants poor people to rely on faith-based charities, but he gives his friends tax cuts," said Cummings. "He's using a tired old trickle-down economic theory everybody knows doesn't work and over 2 million African-Americans are unemployed."

Cummings said he and Rev. Jesse Jackson briefly met with Bush in private after the speech, and said they were pleased he had sent naval vessels to the waters off Liberia. He said Bush was still noncommittal on meeting with the CBC.

"I am optimistic about our helping Liberia, and less so about him meeting with the caucus," said Cummings.

U.S. Rep. Artur Davis, D-Alabama, the only other member of the caucus who arrived in Pittsburgh early enough to hear Bush, said he thought there was a disconnect between the president's conscience and conduct.

"He does a very good job rhetorically, very inspiring," said Davis. "But the people who



Congressional Black Caucus Chair Elijah Cummings

craft his speeches clearly don't talk to the people who craft his policy."



Standing from left: Craig Byrd, president, Seymore Avenue Mildred Helms Park Block Association; Bettie Anderson, director of youth initiatives, Urban League of Essex County; Tameeshah Cival, student, Marist High School; Jim Correll, plant manager, Anheuser-Busch Newark brewery; Vivian Cox Frasier, interim president, Urban League of Essex County; Donald Bradley, councilman, South Ward, Newark; Willie Fareed, member, Seymore Avenue Mildred Helms Park Block Association. Kneeling: Tyquan Brown, student, Vailsburg Middle School and Anthony Copeland, student, Orange High School.

## Anheuser-Busch donates \$35,000 to Operation Brightside

Newark — Jim Correll, plant manager for the Anheuser-Busch Newark brewery, presented a \$35,000 donation to Bettie Anderson, director of youth initiatives, Urban League of Essex County to fund the Operation Brightside program. The check was presented during a recent beautification community service project at Mildred Helms Park in Newark.

Through the program, about 30 Newark-area youth gain practical work experience, develop career-planning skills and build a sense of community while earning money this summer. This is the 13th year that the Anheuser-Busch brewery in Newark, through the Operation Brightside program, has funded employment for area students.



Students in the Urban League's Operation Brightside program take part in a beautification community service project in Mildred Helms Park.



The Newark Housing Authority (NHA) recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of the opening of Branch Brook Manor where state and city officials shared the festive occasion with the NHA and residents who live at the 11-story NHA complex in the city's North ward. Highlights of the program included the presentation of certificates to 17 families who were among the first residents to occupy the development. The program reached a high note when several members of the NHA's Voices of Hope Mass Choir, led by James Young (standing, at podium) and accompanied by Duke Griffin (not shown) showed why the group is one of the city's most requested singing ensembles, displaying a vocal range and presence that enlivened the overflow crowd. The choir was represented by (l. to r.) NHA residents, Lillian Hipps, Bernice Rountree, Eleanor Fuller, and NHA Commissioner Ida Clark.



The legendary guitarist, Walter "Wolfman" Washington, a rare talent in the world of rhythm and blues is surrounded by Union County Summer Arts Festival concert emcee Florence Peterson (left), County Freeholders Lewis Mingo Jr. (2nd from left) and Alexander Mirabella (2nd from right) and band member, tenor saxophone player Tom Fitzpatrick (right).



Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing held its 109th graduation ceremony June 19 at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. Vanessa Hinton Williams of Newark was awarded with the Sarah Sherlock Award. This award is given to the graduate that demonstrated consistent progress in theory development and its application to clinical practice. She is pictured with Meryl Lindemann, RN, coordinator of academic affairs.

Trenton — AARP thanks Senator Sharpe James for voting to support full funding for PAAD and Senior Gold, critical state prescription drug assistance programs for modest-income seniors and people with disabilities. With the challenging budget situation, seniors across the state rallied, and Senator Sharpe James

volunteers and staff at AARP New Jersey made an all-out effort to preserve full funding for these programs, beginning as early as January. "We want to thank the legislators who have followed through on their promises to protect these vital programs and our most vulnerable residents who rely on them," said Marily Askin, AARP New Jersey State President. "AARP appreciates Senator James's support of measures that will prevent people who use PAAD and Senior Gold from experiencing cuts in benefits, losses of eligibility, or increases in their out-of-pocket expenses. Access to prescription drugs has proven to shorten expensive hospital stays and help people live longer, healthier, more independent lives."





## Nation/World BRIEFS

### BOARD RECOMMENDS PARDONS FOR 35 WRONGLY CONVICTED IN TULIA, TEXAS

The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles has suggested pardons for the 35 people who were convicted of drug charges based on the testimony of a discredited undercover police officer.

Gerald Garrett, the board chairman, told reporters that all 18 members of the board recommend pardons the 35 people arrested in the Panhandle town of Tulia.

"The final decision, of course, rests with the governor but our recommendation is that pardons be granted," Garrett said.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry asked the board on May 13 to review the convictions, which were based on testimony by narcotics agent Tom Coleman, the sole undercover agent in the 1999 drug busts. Coleman now faces perjury charges.

A spokeswoman for the governor, Kathy Walt, said Perry would rule on the recommendation in about a month after attorneys in his office review the cases.

Forty-six people—39 of them Black—were arrested in raids that focused national attention on Tulia. Thirty-eight of the cases were prosecuted; three of them were not eligible to be part of the board's review because of separate legal issues.

A total of 21 people served time in prison on the drug charges.

In April, District Judge Ron Chapman recommended that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturn the convictions and order new trials. A special prosecutor appointed to handle the cases has said there will be no new trials.

### LINKS INC. OBSERVES ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS DAY

A new initiative has been launched to encourage African-Americans to donate organs, tissue and bone marrow. The nationwide effort will create awareness of the number of African-Americans on the transplant waiting list and the need for more donors.

National Minority Organ Donor Awareness Day, observed on Aug. 1, is supported by The Links Inc.'s Linkages to Life Program, and addresses the need for African-American organ donors.

"While donation shortages exist in the U.S., African-Americans consistently have a disproportionately high number of people on the waiting list," Victoria Dent, project Coordinator of Linkages to Life, told reporters. "What's more alarming is most people don't realize that African-Americans have a higher incidence of heart problems, diabetes, and kidney disorders, all of which can lead to organ failure and a need for a transplant."

According to Links Inc., statistics show that African-Americans account for 13 percent of organ donors and 18 percent of recipients. Currently, 35 percent of those waiting for kidney transplants are African-American.

Experts say more effective matches are made between organ donors and recipients of the same race and the decision as to who receives an organ is fair and not based on income or social status.

Recent medical advances in organ and tissue transplantation surgery and improved medical treatments to reduce rejection have led to more transplant recipients surviving and living longer, with a significantly improved quality of life.

## Food crisis worsening in Haiti - more than 3.8 million hungry people

*FAO proposes farming and livestock projects in support of 500,000 people*

WASHINGTON — A "silent" food crisis is looming in Haiti, the poorest country in Latin America and the Caribbean, FAO warned.

Living conditions of the poor have deteriorated markedly, with over 3.8 million people suffering from hunger. The majority of the hungry lives in rural areas.

"Haitians somehow manage to survive from day-to-day, leaving many observers questioning whether there is really a humanitarian emergency," said Anne M. Bauer, Director, Emergency Operations and Rehabilitation Division. "The indicators, however, show that there is a crisis, albeit a 'silent' one, and one that risks becoming deeper."

Increased social and political tensions have contributed to a vicious cycle of marginalization and increased vulnerability, eroding social, economic, infrastructural and environmental assets, FAO said.

Out of a labour force of 4.1 million only 110,000 are employed in the formal sector, of whom 35,000 are civil servants.

Agriculture, the main source of income, has been damaged by drought in the northwest over the last four years and by floods in the northeast over the last season. National food production is still decreasing due to insufficient investment, infrastructure and access to agricultural

inputs.

Poor living conditions are exacerbated by inadequate or non-existent water and sanitation services.

Over 1.2 million children are affected or infected by HIV/AIDS or other diseases. Around 23 percent of the children under five are suffering from chronic malnutrition.

FAO launched an appeal for \$6 million to finance five key relief activities in Haiti.

FAO projects will:

- \* provide seeds and tools to 80,000 vulnerable farm families hit by drought and floods, so that they can resume agricultural production;

- \* provide poor households with chickens, pigs and goats to generate income and reduce malnutrition;

- \* improve access for 500 families to drinking water and water for vegetable gardening

- \* vaccinate 675,000 farm animals against Anthrax to reduce loss of livestock.

"These activities will benefit more than half a million Haitians. FAO aims to increase the communities' dignity and self-reliance in food, thereby reducing dependency on costly and unsustainable external food aid," Bauer said.

FAO will soon distribute around 180 tons of seeds to around 60 000 people so that they can prepare for the next planting season which starts in September.

## Kenyan Wins 'African Booker' Literary Prize

NAIROBI, Kenya (IPS/GIN) — This year's Caine Prize for African Writers has been won by Kenyan Yvonne Adhiambo Owour, for her short story, "Weight of Whispers."

The story is "narrated by an aristocratic Rwandan refugee in the aftermath of the 1994 massacres," said chairman of the judges at the prize-giving ceremony in Oxford University's Bodleian Library last week. "Its great strength is the subtle and suggestive way it dramatizes the condition of the refugee and also...incorporates so many large issues."

Born in Nairobi, Owour studied at Jomo Kenyatta University, Kenya, and then Reading University in England. She currently works as the executive director of the Zanzibar International Film Festival.

The Caine Prize is awarded to Africans for a short story by published in English by a writer born in African whose writing reflects that African background.

As well as \$15,000 prize money, Owour will be offered a travel grant.

## Civil Rights Museum opens in Mantua, Ala.

(Special to the NNPA) — A new civil rights museum that portrays Black life in the 1930s and 1940s through photos, newspaper clippings and period furniture and farm equipment has opened in Mantua, Ala.

The Alabama Civil Rights Educational Freedom Farm Museum opened with the first of six buildings. The remaining structures are expected to be completed by summer's end.

"The houses are named after people who were a part of the civil rights movement," said Spiver Gordon, museum president and president of the Greene County chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Gordon said the museum was funded mostly by volunteers, with some funding provided by county government.

Each attraction offers a slice of African-American life in the post-slavery era, from the Martin Luther King Jr. House to the Fannie L. Hamer Freedom Porch.

The museum will eventually feature a monument called the SCLC Honor Road, dedicated to those who contributed to the civil rights movement.



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## The way I see it!

### Car Insurance based on driver's credit rating is racial profiling

By Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D.



Use of credit scores to determine privilege in American is a growing concern - rates tagged to credit score is an insidious tool that could undermine the economy.

While there has been much to do about racial profiling involving state police stops, arrests, and shootings, little attention has been paid to economic racial profiling, which is even more insidious and deadly. Generations of African Americans have been kept out of the economic mainstream because of blatantly racially motivated economic practices. Economic profiling clearly discriminates against individuals by race and being of a specific race is a predictor of the extent of the discrimination.

These practices take all types of forms. Predatory lending, a practice so apparent in urban communities and disproportionately impacting African Americans, is a prime example. These practices have robbed minorities and the poor and prevent them from accumulating wealth. The history of these efforts are rooted in racism and JIM CROW laws that were intended to prevent African Americans from achieving economic parity. While the conversation is different today and race is seldom talked about, the effects are the same: large numbers of African Americans are disenfranchised and economically oppressed. Current attacks on Affirmative Action, State-contracting opportunities, school funding, and economic development of the cities, are reminders that the effort to undermine the progress of African Americans is alive and well.

The Commissioner of Insurance is considering letting insurers use credit scores as a basis for writing insurance in the state. Why not let them use: eye color, weight, color of hair, car color, or stats for health claims for dental or medical treatment? Many variables may produce a relationship with claims filed. While there may be a relationship between credit scores and claims filed, there is no evidence that lower credit scores cause more people to file claims. Using credit scores to determine insurance rates, health insurance rates, access to the swimming pools, and theatres is just another new and improved form of racial discrimination using today's language. Tomorrow it will impact those who are less concerned about what happens to minorities and the poor.

The banking industry, the same industry that for years denied African Americans mortgages, redlined urban neighborhoods, and withdrew branches from urban communities, invented credit scoring. This so-called race blind tool had obvious racial indicators from its origin that called into question the validity of using credit scoring. However, the industry's strong lobby, and the politicians representing urban centers and minorities indifference, let credit scoring in the door. Since the banks have been so successful, in hiking fees and robbing the poor, now auto insurance companies want to use it to determine how much to rob the poor with higher fees. What is next for using credit scores? Maybe health insurance, cable companies, utility, and water companies? How about schools K-12? The possibilities are endless.

## Black out on black leaders continues

By Ron Walters

This is the time of year that the major civil rights organizations have their annual conferences, and I am very often asked by the media about the viability of these organizations. With some probing, I discover that the reporter has linked the viability of these organizations to their visibility in the media. I then have to say something that sounds like an apology but that is absolutely true: The major media simply doesn't cover most of these organizations and it certainly does not invite leaders of these groups to be guests on their radio shows, except for when there is a story that may have an obvious "race" angle.

The exclusion of Black leaders from the media has gone on for years, but it has been very pronounced during the past 18 months since 9/11 and has continued with the Iraq war. But the kicker for me was on the weekend that George Bush was preparing to go to Africa, and was at the same time preparing to send troops, that I noticed that the media continued its "blackout" of Black leadership.

In fact, as I switched from channel to channel on the Sunday talk shows, I figured logically that members of the Congressional Black Caucus or civil rights leaders would be featured on the question of what America should do in Liberia, a country that was settled by Africans who had been enslaved in America but who returned to settle there beginning in 1822. But alas, there were none. In their place were people like the former head of the Council on Foreign Relations, who knew very little about Liberia; a past

member of the arms control and armament agency in the Reagan administration; Republican members of Congress and so on.

Only on one station was the knowledgeable Salih Booker, head of Africa Action advocacy group, a guest with some others.

Of course, everybody knows that Black people don't know anything about war and peace and thus, certainly could not be called upon to give an opinion about what the Black community thinks of the bombing of the World Trade Center, Colin Powell's performance at the United Nations, whether or not Bush should have gone to war, or the progress of the war in Iraq. We are treated as if we just don't know about such things and that we are so marginal a part of the American people that our opinions don't matter in any case.

Sometimes, however, I hear Black people criticizing Black leaders as if they owned the major television stations and newspapers and could go on as often as they like, whenever they like. They don't seem to know that these institutions are sensitive to the ideological currents and if Black people are out of favor politically, then the media will not give them a shot.

This is important, since the "out of sight, out of mind" is the basis on which we often evaluate black leaders. We conclude all too readily that they are not doing anything about the problems we face, when they may well have an agenda, a strategy and may be working diligently, but cannot get the word out. This is made all the more difficult because if we are not members of these organizations—and too many of us

aren't—then we are not part of the network through which the information travels about what they are doing.

What mystifies me is that our leaders are not vigorous enough in their challenge of the media about their own profound exclusion from the airways. They have not forcefully called the attention of the media to this blatant slap in the face.

Regular citizens also are not vigorous about challenging the news producers, editors and bookers—the nameless, faceless people behind the scenes who make the decisions about whom to include and, therefore, whose community's voice is heard. They should not be allowed to eliminate the heads of major Black organizations from debates that influence the direction of critical issues.

It also appears however, that our organizations don't have effective media strategies that cover the range of actions from protest to the production of material for consumption on a regular basis in the form of timely news releases, articles, speeches, press conferences, special forums and other items. Some of our organizations are better at this than others and consequently get more coverage. But they should all should come together and make a big noise about their—and as an extension—our exclusion from the public square.

*Ron Walters is Distinguished Leadership Scholar, director of the African American Leadership Institute and professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland-College Park.*

## Cynical Politics and the Global HIV/AIDS Emergency

By Bill Fletcher Jr.

National Public Radio (NPR) recently reported on the dramatic increase of HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean. This story reminds me that fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS is directly related to overcoming poverty and challenging globalization. It also reminds one that cynical politics are afoot on the part of those in power more concerned with corporate profits than with the misery of millions.

The NPR story noted that the spread of HIV/AIDS has resulted in the destruction of the tourist industry in Haiti since fear has discouraged visitors. This has undermined one of the main sources of foreign exchange in an already fragile economy. The continued and unchecked spread of HIV/AIDS could do likewise to other Caribbean islands. The impact may well be devastating given the utter dependence of these micro-nation states on tourism. The islands of the Caribbean are facing additional economic pressure

because the Bush administration—for all of its free-trade mania—insists on subsidizing U.S. agricultural mega firms.

This practice makes it cheaper for people in Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America to buy U.S. agricultural products than to produce them on their own. The result, as one might imagine, is the crippling of the domestic agriculture of these areas. The vulnerable Caribbean, then, is being tossed into catastrophe by illness and economic policies. It turns out, though, that there is a relationship between the illness and certain other economic policies.

That HIV/AIDS is at alarming proportions in the Caribbean appears to be driven by many factors, including cultural issues, sexist male behavior and, yes, poverty. The cost of the anti-retroviral drugs remains prohibitive for most citizens of Caribbean republics. With few possibilities for treatment, people sink deeper into despair and denial.

Rather than treating this issue

as the global emergency that it is, the Bush administration has offered high-sounding rhetoric but little in the way of substance. His \$15 billion pledge to fight HIV/AIDS in his January State of the Union address has become far more obscure than it first appeared. Pledged in juxtaposition to his preparations for the illegal war against Iraq, no funds have been allocated for use in 2003; less than \$500 million has been allocated for 2004; only \$1 billion of the alleged \$15 billion is being offered to the Global AIDS Fund, one of the most reputable organizations fighting the pandemic (thus raising the thorny question as to where the rest of the funds are going); a new 'czar' for coordinating the HIV/AIDS fight has been appointed right out of the pharmaceutical industry; and, while it was implied that the promised \$15 billion was for Africa, it now turns out that this is not the case and that the amount is to be used beyond Africa.

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# Black America squanders potential power through spending habits

By, Cinque Muhammad

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CHICAGO (NNPA) — If Black America were an independent country, its wealth would rank it as the 11th richest in the world, according to a consumer research document that analyzes Black spending power annually. But, that spending power is being squandered, observers note, relegating Black America to economic slavery, instead of financial freedom.

"The Buying Power of Black America" recently was released by Target Market News Inc. (TMN), a Chicago-based marketing research group. The analysis of Black spending power last year showed that some \$631 billion flowed through Black hands. By comparison, the United States ranked first in Gross National Income (GNI), at \$9.6 trillion in year 2000 figures.

"That comparison that we published is designed to get people to respect us as an economic force, but the truth is we don't behave in the same way those nations do. So while the comparison is not totally there, it makes a point that we are an economic force," TMN Editor Ken Smikle told The Final Call. "Folks wonder why we don't spend more money with us, but the real issue is we don't have access to capital to build businesses that are convenient to where we shop and where we live.

"Our expectations are understandable because of the centuries of dis-

crimination we've suffered, and folks want to see us be the answer to our own problems that we didn't create. But asking us to go out of our way to do something that nobody has to do because of a circumstance we didn't create or perpetuate, I think, is unrealistic," he continued.

Smikle refutes the idea that the circulation of money in a community can be documented. And he argues that economic independence can be achieved, if Black Americans reach out to build trade relationships with the international market.

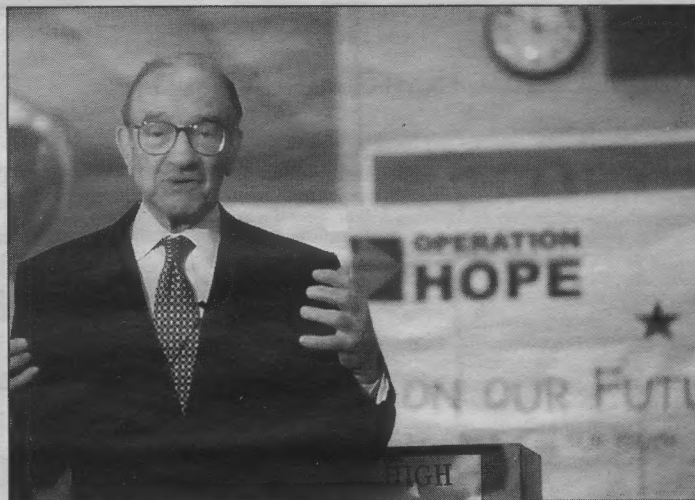
"We don't want to become an isolated community that only circulates its dollars amongst itself. We're part of the world and we have to spend our money with the world," he said.

But others argue that a focus on circulating more money within the Black community is key to economic empowerment, and that spending power does not necessarily equate to economic strength.

"There is no such thing as consumer power; it's an oxymoronic term," claims Claude Anderson, author of the book, "Pownomics." In a capitalistic society, he argues, producers, distributors and sellers have power over the consumers, and that Black Americans are exactly where they were in 1860 on the eve of the Civil War.

"At that time, 98 percent of the Black people in America were

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Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan, recently spoke at the Banking On Our Future session, held in the Nations Capitol.

## Federal Reserve, Operation Hope team up for a historic inner city session

WASHINGTON — Operation HOPE, Inc. (OHI) Founder John Bryant recently teamed up with Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and Federal Reserve Bank President J. Alfred Broadus to personally instruct 35 inner-city middle school students on the basics of managing money. The event, held at John Philip Sousa Middle School in Washington D.C., was one of the many Banking on Our Future (BOOF) classroom lessons held nationwide. BOOF, which has impacted more than 107,000 youth, is the only face-to-face economic literacy program taught year round in public schools and at no cost to schools.

Chairman Greenspan used personal childhood experiences, such as his 25 cents a week allowance and learning fractions by following baseball batting averages, to stress the importance of economic and financial literacy to the attentive students. He went on to enforce how sound mathematical and problem-solving skills can pro-

mote good money management. Greenspan, who also held a humorous question and answer session with students, is currently part of a broad initiative throughout the Federal Reserve System to provide consumers with more resources for making smart financial decisions.

Bryant, organizer of the Banking on Our Future sessions, shared with students how he started his first business at the age of 10, selling candy to fellow classmates. He also touched on the program's four economic literacy modules, which include the basics of banking, checking and savings accounts, the power of credit and basic investments. He specifically covered the importance of good credit, balanced checkbooks and savings accounts. In addition to enforcing economic education during each Banking on Our Future session, Bryant strives to make sure the students are left with a message of empowerment, responsibility and most important, a message of hope.

## Women of color make gains in jobs, promotions

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Additionally, the number of female Hispanic officials and managers improved at an even higher rate, more than doubling over the decade. At the same time, Hispanic women exceed their total representation as sales workers, clericals, service workers and laborers. Although the crop production industry employs the largest percentage of all Hispanics in the private sector and is male-dominated, it also employs the largest percentage of Hispanic women. Asian women (2.1 percent of the total work force) reflect the most progress in attaining higher-level positions during the period studied. The number of female Asian officials and managers more than doubled, with a rate of change of 135 percent. Asian women exceed their total representation in three different areas along the employment spectrum: as professionals, technicians and clericals. The largest numbers of Asian

women are employed in the Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing industry, as well as in some retail industries. The employment of Native American women increased only slightly in 10 years, from 0.2 to 0.3 percent of the total work force. Even so, the number of officials and managers within this group nearly doubled within the same period. Native American women exceed their total representation as sales workers, clericals and service workers. They are most frequently employed in the industries of Gasoline Stations and Apparel Manufacturing. Data used in this study were drawn from two sources: the EEO-1 report, which is overseen by the EEOC and required annually of private sector employers with 100 or more employees and federal contractors with at least 50 employees and contracts of \$50,000 or more, and the EEOC's database for tracking charge processing activities.

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## Anxiety hits women harder after heart attacks

By Aaron Levin, Staff Writer  
Health Behavior News Service

A heart attack can make anyone anxious, but women experience greater anxiety than men do after heart attacks, a pattern that is consistent across four continents, a new study notes.

The higher level of anxiety among women is not connected to geography, to demographic factors like marital status and education or to medical condition, according to a report published in the July issue of *Psychosomatic Medicine*.

Anxiety - the emotional response to a threat - may be an expected and common psychological reaction to a heart attack, but its effects go beyond the patient's mood, say Debra K. Moser, R.N., D.N.Sc., and colleagues. People with higher anxiety levels also have higher levels of complications in the hospital, like second heart attacks, blood vessel blockages, irregular heartbeat and death.

To learn more about the gender differences in anxiety after heart attacks, Moser, a professor of nursing at the University of Kentucky, and her international team recruited 912 patients from Australia, England, Japan, South Korea and the United States. Each patient answered a short, six-

question test which reliably measures anxiety. The standard score for non-patients is 0.35 and for psychiatric inpatients it's 1.5. When tested within 72 hours of their heart attacks, women in the study scored an average of 0.76 on the scale while men scored 0.57.

Moser says that difference was enough to see variations between men and women in the medical complications they experienced. And, she notes, that relationship held regardless of where patients lived.

"There were no statistically significant differences in anxiety among the countries," she says. "Women from a variety of cultural backgrounds have higher levels of anxiety than men, and the threatening nature of a heart attack produces anxiety regardless of the patient's cultural background."

The effect of anxiety on a patient's survival after a heart attack is important enough that health care providers should consider it in treating their patients, Moser says.

"All patients should receive adequate assessment and management of their anxiety, but it is important for clinicians to recognize those groups of patients - such as women - who are at greater risk for higher anxiety," she says.

## Newark Beth Israel's Hemophilia Treatment Center establishes Country's first



**ELEVEN YEAR OLD ANTHONY SUBER OF NEWARK** has just finished a day on the slopes as a participant in the "Sports Connection."

NEWARK — For Christopher Monda of Belleville, learning how to ski was an exciting experience. The seven year old hemophiliac showed no fear as he mastered the bunny slopes at Hidden Valley Resort in Vernon. Thrilled that he could join in the fun, Christopher's mother, Theresa, confirmed "he will try anything."

Christopher was afforded this unique opportunity through the "Sports Connection," a new sports activity based support group organized by the Comprehensive Hemophilia Treatment Center (HTC) at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, an affiliate of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System. Golfing, bowling, karate and yes, even skiing, are no longer restricted activities for children with bleeding and clotting disorders as participants and their families are learning. With proper instruction, these children and their families can exercise and enjoy all the physical activities that are part of growing up, according to Phyllis Kandl, MA, CSW, program manager at the HTC. "This is quite remarkable, considering up until a decade ago, no parent of a hemophilia child could ever dream of the child participating in any type of physical activity," she said.

The HTC introduced "The Sports Connection: Sports and Hemophilia Learning the Connection," in February 2003 with funding through a grant by the Avenir Behring Foundation for Research and Advancement of Patient Health. Believed to be the first program of its kind in the country, "Sports Connection" teaches children with hemophilia and von Willebrand Disease how to participate in sports and exercises that will help them maintain healthy joints. With help from mentors with bleeding disorders themselves, the children learn about playing sports on both a recreational and team level. The program also helps parents realize that, with appropriate precautions, their children can play like "normal" children. Participating mentors are identified among the older adolescents and young adults who are followed at the HTC or through outreach to the Hemophilia Association of New Jersey.

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is a major teaching affiliate of Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York

"A First" in the area "Sports Connection" is the brainchild of Kandl and her staff, who in the past have regularly organized activities that encourage socialization among children and their families who visit the center. Through these gatherings, Kandl learned of the families' special interest in sporting activities.

"From very early on, parents of newly diagnosed children with bleeding disorders are concerned about what sports their child can participate in. As children get older, fighting over whether a child should join any teams or play sports with their friends frequently occurs," explained Kandl. "These children realize they are different than their peers and don't want to be excluded from activities because of their condition. In an attempt 'to belong,' children will sometimes participate in inappropriate activities, not use protective gear (i.e. helmet), or try to hide bleeding episodes. Through the 'Sports Connection,' we hope to ease parents' concerns about these situations and educate children on how to appropriately participate in sports."

## Back to School health news



### School Lunch options crowd out fruits and vegetables

Children in middle schools with a la carte dining eat fewer fruits and vegetables and more fat than children in schools that do not offer that option, according to a new study.

Middle schoolers without a la carte options ate nearly an entire extra daily serving of fruits and vegetables and stayed within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's guidelines for total daily fat consumption, according to Martha Y. Kubik, Ph.D., of the University of Minnesota and colleagues.

"Our results suggest that the primarily high-fat snacks and calorie-dense beverages offered and sold to students via a la carte programs are displacing fruits and vegetables in the diets of young teens," Kubik and colleagues say.

Campus snack vending machines can also make a difference in daily fruit consumption, the researchers found. For each snack vending machine present in the schools, students' average daily fruit consumption dropped by 11 percent.

An increasing number of schools are offering a la carte and vending options along with more traditional lunches, according to Kubik and colleagues, who note that the school environment can have a powerful influence on students' eating behaviors.

"Interestingly, this metamorphosis in the school environment has occurred during a time when deliberate national effort has been expended to improve the nutritional health of the U.S. population," Kubik and colleagues say.

Kubik and colleagues say that more low-cost and healthy items should be added to a la carte menus, and that schools should consider policies to limit students' access to high-fat snacks and sweetened drinks.

"Young people spend considerable time at school, and attention to the food options and opportunities available to students at school is clearly warranted if healthy eating is to become normal childhood behavior," the researchers write.

## Cynical Politics and the Global HIV/AIDS

Continued from page 4

So, as \$75 billion was appropriated for an illegal war against Iraq where there was no proof of an imminent threat, a fraction of those funds are to be used in a much-needed war against a very real threat: the threat of HIV/AIDS. Rather than being acknowledged as the catastrophe it is, where entire countries face possible extinction, we are treated to what looks more and more like a mammoth shell game, one in which millions of lives are at stake.

Thus, as massive pharmaceutical companies produce drugs that are withheld from those who need them, we watch the Bush administration stand firm on the side of their corporate allies. Determined to protect so-called "intellectual property rights," aka patents, the administration is prepared to permit the loss of lives in order to guarantee profits for companies. The administration has been dogged in its efforts to restrain countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America from

buying or producing less expensive generic anti-retroviral drugs because of the alleged threat to those same intellectual property rights held by the pharmaceutical corporations.

I cannot help but think back to the presidential campaign of 2000 and the propaganda regarding Bush as a compassionate conservative. I can see the conservatism, but I am missing the compassion, unless one is referencing the Bush administration's compassion for multi-national corporations and their eternal quest for greater wealth.

Bill Fletcher Jr. is president of TransAfrica Forum, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit educational and organizing center formed to raise awareness in the United States about issues facing the nations and peoples of Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America. He also is co-chair of the anti-war coalition, United for Peace and Justice ([www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org)). He can be reached at [bfletcher@transafricaforum.org](mailto:bfletcher@transafricaforum.org).



# African Globe TheatreWorks Announces its 9th Season of Plays

Newark, N.J., — African Globe TheatreWorks has announced its 9th season of theatrical productions beginning in September 2003 with *Dreamgirls* at Crossroads Theatre.

## African Globe TheatreWorks 2003-2004 Season Selections

**Dreamgirls - September 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 - Crossroads Theatre.** Stylized and imaginative, *Dreamgirls* is a soul-stirring tribute to Motown and the time of a whole new sound. Based on the rise of the Supremes, *Dreamgirls* follows the journey of three talented singers from obscurity to superstardom. The musical blends a story of love, betrayal, integrity and glamour with a searing book and lyrics by Tom Ewen and heartbreaking and triumphant music by Henry Krieger. Directed by James W. Lemon.

**A Streetcar Named Desire - September 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, Oct 3, 4, 5 - Newark Symphony Hall**

An African-American retelling of Tennessee Williams' 1947 Pulitzer Prize-winning play brings to life the story of Blanche Dubois, a fading Southern belle whose sudden poverty leads her to her sister's squalid home in the French Quarter of New Orleans. At the hands of her brother-in-law, Blanche is forced to confront the harsh reality of domestic violence, homosexuality, sexual obses-

sion, and promiscuity. As Blanche tackles her inner demons, audiences will be left breathless by the startling consequences of her decisions and the actions of those around her. Directed by Dawn Wilczynski

**The Gospel at Colonus - November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, December 5, 6, 7 - Newark Symphony Hall**

An African-American adaptation of a Greek classic finds our hero coming to Colonus; the Holy resting place that has been promised to him, years after wandering with his daughter, suffering and repentant for his earlier sins done in innocence. From beginning to the rousing final sermon we are reminded to mourn no more. Help is on the way! Adapted lyrics by Bob Telson and Lee Breuer. Music by Bob Telson. Directed by Jamil Mangan

**Black Nativity - December 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28 - Newark Symphony Hall**

The Christmas Story in dialogue, narrative, pantomime, dance gospel song and folk spiritual, *Black Nativity* is a unique creation from the poet playwright Langston Hughes. Don't miss this annual critically acclaimed holiday piece that will have you on your feet. By Langston Hughes. Directed by Leonora Brazell.

**All That Jive III - Back in the Habit - March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 - Newark Symphony Hall**

Our favorite television and

sitcom characters return in this annual sequel. *All That Jive III* is sure to leave you stomping your feet, clapping your hands, and laughing in the aisles. Join us once again because some habits are hard to break. Directed by James W. Lemon.

**Sermon on the Mount - April 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, May 1, and 2 - Newark Symphony Hall**

This retelling of the last days of Christ, his death, burial and resurrection is a vivid reenactment that takes you to the foot of the cross and celebrates the resurrection of Christ through traditional and contemporary Gospel music and praise dance. Join us in this Easter holiday tribute to the risen King. Written and directed by Louis E. Wright, Jr.

**Abyssinia - June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 - Newark Symphony Hall**

The story of a young African American girl born during a tornado who has a connection with God in song and voice. When Abyssinia's life goes into despair and darkness due to several sick and horrific events, and God won't give her the reasons why, she is left questioning her faith and refuses her gift of song. You will be held breathless to a spiritual triumph as Abyssinia touches your heart and revives your spirit with her gift of song.

For more information please contact African Globe 973-624-1584.

# Kam's Kapsules

*Weekly Previews That Make Choosing a Film Fun*

by Kam Williams

For movies opening August 8, 2003

## BIG BUDGET FILMS

**Freaky Friday (PG for adult themes and mild epithets)** Disney remake of 1977 Jodie Foster film about a tomboy and her widowed mom who end up in each others' bodies after getting a couple of cursed fortune cookies from a meddling hostess at a Chinese restaurant. Decent double-duty by both Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan, the latter having also handled dual roles as the twins at the center of *Parent Trap*.

**S.W.A.T. (PG-13 for profanity, violence and sexual references)** Samuel L. Jackson, in the wake of his success as Shaft, revives another 1970s cop, bringing the short-lived LAPD series to the big screen as an action-oriented crime thriller. Premise situates Sam as veteran police officer assigned to thwart any attempts to take up drug kingpin on his offer of \$100 million to anyone who can spring him from prison.

## INDEPENDENT & FOREIGN FILMS

**Le Divorce (PG-13 for mature themes and sex content)** Kate Hudson and Naomi Watts star as step-sisters on this Merchant Ivory adaptation of the Diane Johnson novel of the same name about the amorous misadventures of a couple of California girls in Paris. (In French and English with subtitles)

**The Princess Blade (R for violence)** Martial arts remake, based on a popular comic book by Kazuo Koike which was already adapted into the movie *Lady Snowblood* back in 1973. Futuristic chop-socky scenario pits female assassin against the gang of allies-turned-enemies who murdered her mother. (In Japanese with subtitles)

**Seaside (Unrated)** Riveting, resort town drama about the havoc wreaked upon a shore community after the local, pebble processing factory is acquired by an insensitive conglomerate. (In French with subtitles)

**Step into Liquid (Unrated)** Spectacular surfing documentary follows devotees of the sport all over the world, from Hawaii to Costa Rica to Ireland to Vietnam, on their quest for a bigger wave to ride.

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# Depression-Era Tale recounts the Legend of "Seabiscuit"

Review by Kam Williams

During the Great Depression, a practically palpable sense of despair came to hang over the entire nation. Years of intractable, economic blight had created a condition so desperate that, by the late 1930s, the populace was primed to seize on the slightest ray of hope for a sense of optimism. This helps explain the popular revival of Horatio Alger type-stories, each a highly romanticized, rags-to-riches tale which preached that the American Dream remained readily available to any honest, hard-working individuals willing to put their noses to the proverbial grindstone.

While the dreamweavers in Hollywood went about adapting the theme into escapist yarns about underdogs overcoming the odds, elsewhere in California a real-life success story was simultaneously unfolding. For in 1937, Seabiscuit, a slight stallion with knobby knees and crooked legs, began a spectacular rise to the heights of horse racing which would capture the country's imagination before it was all over.

Now, a new generation has a chance to appreciate the amazing thoroughbred with sportswriter Laura Hillenbrand's critically-acclaimed best seller being brought to the big screen. This adaptation was placed in the very capable hands of Gary Ross, a seasoned scriptwriter who has already landed a couple of Academy Award nominations for his original screenplays for *Dave* (1993) and *Big* (1988). Ross also directs, here, though his only prior directorial credit is for *Pleasantville* (1998), a relatively surrealistic period piece.

For Seabiscuit, the movie, he has again tapped a half-dozen from the cast of *Pleasantville*, most notably Tobey "Spider-Man" Maguire and Oscar-nominee William H. Macy (Fargo). The movie also stars Chris Cooper, who won an Academy Award earlier this year for *Adaptation* and Jeff Bridges, a four-time nominee (for *Starman*, *The Contender*, *The Last Picture Show* and *Thunderbolt and Lightning*). The dramatic personae is rounded out by Elizabeth Banks (*Catch Me If You Can*) and a couple of well-known jockeys in Gary Stevens and Chris McCarron.

The story is narrated by historian David McCullough (author of *John Adams*) who has lent his

stamp of authenticity to oh so many documentaries in the past, such as PBS' *The American Experience* series, *FDR*, *D-Day Remembered* and *The Statue of Liberty*. If I have any beef with this otherwise unassailable production, it's the use of McCullough's recognizable voice to imply that what we're watching is an accurate accounting.

Though Hillenbrand's 416-page book was a painstakingly



researched piece of journalism, make no mistake about the fact that this far from faithful version is pure fiction, nonetheless, a marvelous piece of fiction. The liberties taken stray far afield from the ordinary cut-and-pasteings

which one would ordinarily expect of any project of this type. For instance, Seabiscuit wasn't a mutt as implied, but rather the runt of a litter with a racing pedigree traced back to *Man o' War*. History gets turned on its head quite a few times, so I won't waste time telling you where else the film departs from the truth. Just trust me that the book underwent one humdinger of a makeover to meet the requisites of the aforementioned Horatio Alger formula.

That being said, Seabiscuit serves as a satisfying summer blockbuster, a poignant character study offering some spellbinding competition while delivering the sort of uplifting, inspirational message I suspect the country needs at this difficult juncture in its history. The movie is basically about the triumphs over adversity of four characters, three human, one equine.

Red Pollard (Maguire) is a half-blind, down on his luck, ex-boxer who wants to be a jockey. Tom Smith (Cooper) is part of a vanishing breed, a cowboy who can commune with the moodiest of creatures. Charles Howard (Mr. Bridges) is a bicycle repairman turned Buick millionaire who somehow made a fortune and lost it all. And the anthropomorphic Seabiscuit is a stubby, binge-feeding, good for gluing, until owner Howard buys him and lets Smith train him so Red can ride him to victory over the celebrated Triple Crown-winner, War Admiral (who, the movie doesn't let on, was sired by *Man o' War*).

A feel good film, and well worth the investment provided you promise to read the book it's based on afterwards, so you know how it all really happened. Excellent (4 stars) Rated PG-13 for sports-related violence and some sexual situations.

# Angelina on Angelina

The Tomb Raider 2  
Interview with Kam Williams

Angelina Jolie Voight was born in Hollywood on June 4, 1975, blessed with an acting pedigree by her famous father, Jon. He is the off-nominated, Academy Award-winner (for *Coming Home*) who is still probably best remembered as Joe Buck of *Midnight Cowboy* fame. A mix of Brit, Czech and Native-American, Angelina won her own Best Supporting Actress Oscar for *Girl, Interrupted* in 2000, the same year she made *People Magazine's* 50 Most Beautiful People list.

Divorced in May from Billy Bob Thornton, another Academy Award-winner (for *Sling Blade*), she is as known for her off-screen activities and eccentricities as for her acting. Perhaps because she operates without an agent or publicist to handle damage control, Jolie is one of those celebs whose name seems to be stuck in the tabloids. Whether she's deliberately looking for lurid headlines or simply an unguarded free-spirit, this makes her a fun interview, one who can be relied upon to give good quote.

**KW:** Is there really a new you, like all the rumors I've been reading about you say?

**AJ:** "Probably as far as the press is concerned, sure. Yeah. I'd like to think that we all change all the time and keep growing. So, we're always maybe new every time we meet somebody, if we're evolving properly. Certainly, I've changed in the last few years. I've traveled a lot. I've learned a lot. And my view of the world is different. And what's important to me is different since I've become a parent. So, yeah, I'm different, but I think I'm more me than I've ever been, and I'm finally on track with my life."

**KW:** How's motherhood? [She adopted an orphan in Cambodia.]

**AJ:** "It's just wonderful. Maddox is cool. He's upstairs. I'm sure he's painting on things he shouldn't be painting on in a hotel room, but he's great."

**KW:** What's the best thing about being a mom?

**AJ:** "That there's this little person for whom, whenever anything goes wrong, he comes to me, and I can make it better. It's changed my life. It's the hardest thing I've ever done. Shooting *Tomb Raiders* was a piece of cake in comparison. I want so many more children. It's amazing!"

**KW:** Why have you always been so open about the most intimate details of your life?

**AJ:** "I'm open, maybe because of having a father in this business. Growing up, I heard too many people who sounded like they were speaking in quotes, because they wanted to present this idea of themselves. I think that's so unhealthy, so I wanted to remain as candid as possible, so I could always be myself and a normal person. I didn't want to stop and think before I said something about how people were going to receive it. So, I forced myself to remain honest and open, and that has helped me. It's about my soul and my self. I didn't want to become a person who says, 'I want people to think this about me,' or 'I better not say that, even though that's the truth about me.' I think that's damaging. I have nothing about myself to hide. It's more about how I live than about how the press interprets me. I live openly."

**KW:** Do you have any regrets about things you've shared with the press in the past?

**AJ:** "No."

**KW:** Not even the bisexuality?

**AJ:** "I find it amazing that I've been in such dangerous situations working with refugees for the UN, yet the press prefers to focus on whether or not I kissed a woman. That says something to me about society that I'd rather not think about."

**KW:** After all that's happened to you, do you think you'll ever be able to trust a man again?

**AJ:** "I'm not good with trust, in general. I like to believe in people, but I don't put my trust in people easily. I don't have anybody in my life now, but I'd sooner take a lover than bring anybody home. I don't have a lot of faith in that right now."



**KW:** Is there anything about you that surprises people?

**AJ:** "That I'm silly."

**KW:** I forgot to ask you about the new movie. How do you like how they developed Lara Croft for *Tomb Raider 2*?

**AJ:** "I wasn't 100% satisfied with the first one. I thought it was fun, but I felt we hadn't moved far enough away from the video vixen, not wanting to disappoint the fans of the game. But now she's more of a solid and real woman. I find her sexy and more intelligent this time. You find out what she care's about more and she's more invested in relationships and in what's inside of her. And the plot's better."

**KW:** How was it filming in Kenya and Tanzania?

**AJ:** "I've already been to Africa a lot recently with the UN. I found it shocking the first time I went there to learn how much people are living without in different areas. With this film, we got to know the Pokot tribe, specifically. Great guys. I remember asking them at one point, if there was any way I could help them out, and they said, 'We need water.'"

That's the reality in so many places, especially Africa. Just think, there are people who, when they're offered anything in the world, just want water. That says so much.

**KW:** Were you able to help them?

**AJ:** "I thought it would be simple, like in Cambodia, where you just get a well machine, and build it. Instead, it took quite a few months. They were in an area where we didn't even know if there was water in the ground. So, we got maps, did surveys and started drilling to find where the water might be. We did finally get them the well. I was happy to do it. The film



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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### Notice of Availability Port Imperial Inter-modal Ferry Terminal Environmental Assessment

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Port Imperial Inter-modal Ferry Terminal is being made available for public review and comment. This document examines the social-economic, transportation, and environmental impacts associated with relocation of the existing New York Waterway ferry operation from its current location near Pershing Road to a new terminal to be constructed by NJ TRANSIT approximately 1,500 feet to the north. The new terminal will provide opportunities for transfers between the ferry and a new station of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit system now under construction in Weehawken, New Jersey. The alternatives examined in the EA included the "No Build Alternative" and a "Build" alternative incorporating designs for the terminal structure, supporting marine platform, estuary garden, waterfront pedestrian walkway, and dredging and disposal alternatives. Alternative locations for the siting of the terminal, including uplands sites, were examined. The EA also documents the work undertaken to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Section 106 work identifies historic properties, assesses their eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, evaluates the impact of the alternatives under consideration on eligible or listed properties, and considers alternatives to avoid or minimize any adverse effects.

#### A. Description of Proposed Relocation of the Ferry Terminal:

The US Federal Highway Administration, New Jersey Department of Transportation and NJ TRANSIT are proposing to construct a new state-of-the-art inter-modal ferry terminal in Weehawken, Hudson County, New Jersey. The proposed action is to relocate, approximately 1,500 feet north, the existing ferry terminal facility and operations to a new terminal facility, situated to link the ferry service with the northernmost waterfront station of the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit now under construction.

This ferry project is included in the Port Imperial South development plan and adds critical capacity to the over-subscribed traps-Hudson public transportation network. With the absence of PATH service to lower Manhattan since September 11, 2001, commuters have had fewer transit options and have been experiencing greater congestion on existing bus and rail lines to Manhattan. Ferry service has emerged as a viable option because it addresses the lack of capacity without requiring costly new rail lines or roads, and provides reliable service largely unaffected by traffic congestion or rail system delays. Also, ferry services can be implemented quickly and can be built up incrementally based on demand.

#### Key project elements include:

- Construction of a terminal;
- Construction of the platform to support the terminal;
- Installation of vessel mooring facilities for loading and unloading passengers (floats, docks and ramps);
- Dredging of 150,000 cubic yards on Hudson River sediment with upland management of sediments; and
- Creation of wetland/estuary garden.

This project will require permits from the Army Corps of Engineers and NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

#### B. Environmental Assessment Availability

The Environmental Assessment is available at the following locations for your review:

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#### Additional Locations:

- Township of Weehawken, Public Library, 49 Hauxhurst Avenue, Weehawken, NJ
- Hudson County Administration Building, 595 Newark Avenue, Jersey City, NJ
- Weehawken Municipal Building, 400 Park Avenue, Weehawken, NJ

NJ TRANSIT will hold a public hearing during the official 30-day comment period. A Spanish-speaking translator will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions and/or receive comments on the project. All public comment is important and is welcomed until the close of the comment period on August 26, 2003. The public hearing will be held on:

**DATE:** August 11, 2003  
**TIME:** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM and from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Sheraton Suites at Lincoln Harbor  
500 Harbor Boulevard  
Weehawken, New Jersey

If the allotted time is not sufficient to accommodate all public comments, the hearing will be extended until all commentators have been heard.

Any written comments on the Environmental Assessment should be sent to: Mr. David Hawk, Program Operations Director, Federal Highway Administration, at the above address. All written comments should be legible and include your name (individual and/or organization) and address. Comments may be sent by e-mail to [ferryterminal@njtransit.com](mailto:ferryterminal@njtransit.com) for receipt no later than **midnight August 26, 2003**.

Your interest and assistance in this review are greatly appreciated. Should you require special accommodations or require sign language interpreters or have any questions, please contact Mr. Jurow at (973) 491-7210.

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### Notice of Availability of Supplemental Draft EIS Newark-Elizabeth Rail Link Project - Elizabeth Segment

Notice is hereby given that the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the proposed Newark Elizabeth Rail Link (NERL) - Elizabeth Segment is being made available for public review and comment. This document is a supplement to the 1997 NERL DEIS, and examines a modified alignment of portions of the NERL Third Operating Segment (MOS-3) in the City of Elizabeth to better serve emerging and anticipated future development and to provide direct rail linkages between these development sites and the region's core public transportation network.

#### A. Project Background

A draft EIS for the overall NERL project was prepared and approved by the Federal Transit Administration in 1997. The preferred alternative identified in the 1997 DEIS was an 8.8-mile light rail transit (LRT) system with 16 stations linking the central business districts of Newark and Elizabeth, New Jersey. The full line is proposed to be constructed in three minimum operable segments: MOS-1, a one-mile connection between the Broad Street Station and Newark Penn Station in downtown Newark; MOS-2, a one-mile segment from Newark Penn Station in downtown Newark to Camp Street in south Newark; and MOS-3, a seven-mile LRT segment from Camp Street in south Newark to Elizabeth, with a station at Newark Liberty International Airport.

A final EIS (FEIS) was published by NERL MOS-1 in August 1998 and a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued in November 1998. NERL MOS-1 is currently under construction. Following approval of the 1997 DEIS, Union County proposed a modification of the Elizabeth Segment of the original MOS-3. The alignment has been modified to complement and better serve extensive commercial and retail development in the Elizabethport section of Elizabeth. Since the modified alignment has the potential to result in environmental impacts that were not identified in the 1997 DEIS, the subject SDEIS document supplements the findings of the 1997 NERL DEIS by fully evaluating the modified portion of MOS-3.

#### B. Description of Proposed NERL MOS-3 alignment modification:

The modified Newark Elizabeth Rail Link - Elizabeth Segment would consist of a 5.8-mile Light Rail Transit (LRT) system beginning at Midtown Elizabeth and terminating at Newark Liberty International Airport Monorail Parking Lot D. The project consists of the following:

- A predominantly double-track LRT system using an overhead electric power contact system running over a portion of the partially-used freight right-of-way owned by Conrail, CSX, and Norfolk Southern, between the Northeast Corridor and the New Jersey Gardens Mall, and over newly developed right-of-way from this point to Newark Liberty International Airport;
- Nine stations and provision for one future station;
- An LRT storage and maintenance facility to be located at the corner of Veterans Memorial Drive and Trumbull Street; and
- Various new bridge structures associated with the LRT system and structures necessary to maintain existing freight rail traffic.

#### C. Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement Availability

The Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available at the following locations for your review:

New Jersey Transit Corporate Headquarters  
One Penn Plaza East  
Newark, New Jersey 07105-2246  
Contact: Steven M. Jurow  
Senior Director, Environmental Services  
Telephone: (973) 491-7210

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration, Region II  
One Bowling Green, Room 429  
New York, New York 10004-1415  
Contact: Irwin B. Kessman  
Director, Office of Planning & Program Development  
Telephone: (212) 688-2170

#### Additional Locations:

- City of Elizabeth, Public Library, 11 Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ
- Union County Administration Building, County Administrator's Office, Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ
- City of Elizabeth City Hall, 50 Winfield Scott Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ

NJ TRANSIT will be holding a public hearing during the official 45-day comment period. A Spanish-speaking translator will be present at the public hearing to answer any questions and/or receive comments on the project. All public comment is important and is welcomed until the close of the comment period on September 8, 2003. The public hearing will be held on:

**DATE:** August 19, 2003  
**TIME:** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM and from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** City of Elizabeth Council Chambers  
50 Winfield Scott Plaza, 3rd Floor  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

If the allotted time is not sufficient to accommodate all public comments, the hearing will be extended until all commentators have been heard.

Any written comments on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be sent to: Mr. Steven M. Jurow, Senior Director, Environmental Services at the above address. All written comments should be legible and include your name (individual and/or organization) and address. Comments may be sent by e-mail to [newark-elizabeth@njtransit.com](mailto:newark-elizabeth@njtransit.com) for receipt no later than **midnight, September 8, 2003**.

Your interest and assistance in this review are greatly appreciated. Should you require special accommodations or require sign language interpreters or have any questions, please contact Mr. Jurow at (973) 491-7210.

George D. Warrington  
Executive Director  
New Jersey Transit Corporation  
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### LEGAL NOTICE ASBURY PARK HOUSING AUTHORITY

#### REPAVE PARKING LOTS AND RECREATION AREAS:

THE DATE FOR SUBMITTING THIS BID/PROPOSAL HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO AUGUST 22, 2003.

The Asbury Park Public Housing Authority invites qualified licensed contractor to submit their proposals for black top repaving at various Housing Authority sites. Interested contractors should call Geoffrey Melvin, Maintenance Supervisor at 732/774-2660 ext. 19 or Tyrone Laws at ext. 49 for an appointment to pick up specifications package, inspect the sites and get details of the scope, and specifications of required repairs. Bid responses will be accepted through August 22, 2003 12:00 p.m. at the Asbury Park Public Housing Authority, 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712. ALL BIDS MUST BE MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED, AN ORIGINAL AND 10 COPIES, FAXED OR EMAIL BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Harold A. Phipps, M.B.A., P.I.M.  
Executive Director

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### PUBLIC NOTICE The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge WILL BE OFFERING PRE-APPLICATIONS FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (RENTAL ASSISTANCE)

Interested parties or their representatives are invited to pick up a pre-application at the Woodbridge Housing Authority Main Office, 20 Bunnys Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey as follows:

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, August 11, 2003

COMPLETED PRE-APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO THE MAIN OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, August 14 and Friday, August 15, 2003

PRE-APPLICATIONS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON. Only original pre-applications that include the WHA stamp marked "original pre-app." shall be accepted. Photocopies shall not be permitted or accepted. Each applicant will receive a receipt indicating the date and time of submission. This receipt will serve as verification of submission of the application. If any person other than the applicant is delivering the application, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to obtain their receipt from their designee. PRE-APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY ANY OTHER TYPE OF DELIVERY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE APPLICANT.

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# Calendar

## Community

Step Out, Save Lives! - Exercise Your Heart! Volunteers needed for Essex County American Heart Walk on October 26. For more info call 973-376-3636.

### THURSDAYS

Newark — Newark Downtown District will host Common Greens Farmer's Market from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in Military Park. For more info call 973-733-9333.

### AUGUST 1 — 25

Hillside — 2003 Teen Arts Exhibit. This event is open to the public. Hillside Municipal Building, corner of Hillside & Liberty Aves. For time & additional info call 908-558-2550.

### AUGUST 4 — 8

Madison — SuperTennis. A tennis day camp for boys & girls ages 5-17. The camp is open for juniors of all levels, from beginners through advanced players. For more info call 973-408-3115.

Newark — Scarlet Raiders Boys Summer Basketball Camp - 2nd Session. For more info call Joe Loughran at 973-353-5474 ext. 223.

### AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 25

Hillside — 2003 Teen Arts Exhibit. This event is open to the public. Hillside Municipal Building. For time & additional info call 908-558-2550.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Leonia — 'Piglet's Big Movie' - Family Fun Nights with Movies in the Parks. Free family event with G-rated movie. 8:00 pm

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Morristown — Cold Hearth, Warm Spark. See how flint & steel are used to restart a fire. 10:00 am. Morristown National Historic Park Wick House. For admission, additional time & further info, call 973-539-2016.

Irvington — 5th Annual Musical Jamm Fest. Free concert featuring performances by Joshua Nelson, Nana, Jillette Riley-Roberson & Carrie Jackson just to name a few. Enjoy Jazz, Latin, Gospel, Rap, African & Caribbean music plus free kiddie rides. 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Lakeside at Irvington Park. For more info & to register as a vendor call 973-673-5857 or 973-351-3356.

### ONGOING — AUGUST 28

NJPAC presents Absolut Sounds

of the City with various musical performances every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### ONGOING — SEPT 8

Jersey City — Liberty Science Center presents an exhibit of Sue, a Tyrannosaurus Rex. For more info call 201-200-1000.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Atlantic City — 7th Annual Atlantic County Puerto Rican Parade & Latin Music Festival will begin 1:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. on Albany Ave. & the Boardwalk & all the way to New Jersey Ave. For more info call or email 609-347-0770 or acprp@hotmail.com.

## Heartbeat

### ONGOING

St. Barnabas Health Care System will offer several maternity and parent education classes at Newark Beth Israel, Clara Maass and St. Barnabas. For more info please call each hospital directly for class schedules, dates, costs and to register. Clara Maass-Women's Health Center at 973-450-2890; Newark Beth Israel-Parent Education at 973-926-2642 and St. Barnabas - Women's Health Department at 973-322-5360.

Belleville — Clara Maass Caregivers Support Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Medical Center's South Annex. For more info call 973-450-2285.

Newark — Beth Israel Medical Center offers free program, "Look Good, Feel Good" for women dealing with the effects of Cancer treatment and need assistance with their make-up and hair styling. For more info call 973-926-7609.

Livingston — St. Barnabas Medical Center offers Diabetes Self-Management Classes. For more info call 973-322-7236.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Irvington — Family Asthma Program. This program is geared for children ages 5 to 12. Topics will include: asthma triggers, signs & symptoms, treatments & medications, etc. 7:00pm - 8:30pm at Irvington Health Department, 1 Civic Sq. To register call 973-399-6645 by Aug. 18th.

### TUESDAYS — SEPT 16

Union — 'Tai chi chih for Seniors' hosted by Union Hospital Senior Health Network. Classes start at 10 & 11 a.m. Fee is \$80 for the 8-week course. For more info call 908-851-8997.



Wednesday, August 18 — The City of Newark presents Lonnie Youngblood performing as part of the Neighborhood Summer Concerts 2003. Free and open to the public

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Newark — Annual Health Festival from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. open to the public & featuring free health screenings for glucose, cholesterol, podiatry as well as various other health education services & musical entertainment. For more info call 973-485-6242.

## Business

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Union — Union County College will host Excel XP - Part 2 from 7:00pm - 10:00 p.m. Become familiar with the popular spreadsheet program. \$99 each section. For prerequisite info & to register call 908-709-7600.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Gladstone — Improving Productivity & Cutting Costs with State-of-the-Art Buildings. An interactive business forum of the Environmental Health & Safety Committee. 8:00 am - 10:00 am at The Willow School. Pre-registration is required. For more info call 908-725-1552.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Newark — Newark Technology Group Host a networking breakfast at the Theatre Square Grill at 8:00 a.m. For more info call 973-623-9464.

Newark — How To Do Business With The Federal and State Government. Free workshop for small businesses. 10:00am - 1:00 pm at NJIT. For directions & to register call 973-596-3105.

Cranford — Excel XP - Part 1. Become familiar with the popular spreadsheet program. \$99 each section. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm at Union County College - Cranford Campus. For prerequisite info & to

register, call 908-709-7600.

Cranford — Excel XP - Part 2. Become familiar with the popular spreadsheet program. \$99 each section. 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Union County College - Cranford Campus. For prerequisite info & to register, call 908-709-7600.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

Lawrenceville — Business Planning & Financing Workshop. Free workshop designed to familiarize new & aspiring small-business owners. 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Mercer County Library, Lawrence Branch. For more info & to register call 609-292-9279.

Wayne — The Dale Carnegie Course. This course helps individuals master the capabilities demanded in today's tough business environment. 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm. Wayne Plaza II. To register call 973-890-0909.

## Artz

### ONGOING — AUGUST 11

Newark — Dancing In The Dark - Part II, an exhibition of 17 emerging artists from the Aljira Emerge Spring 2002 fellowship program continues from 12:00pm - 6:00pm at Aljira. For more info call 973-622-1600.

### ONGOING — AUGUST 14

Newark — Newark Museum presents Jazz in the Garden with Jazz musicians every Thursday during lunchtime from 12:15 - 1:45 p.m. For more info call 973-596-6493.

### ONGOING — AUGUST 16

Woodbridge — The Best of Life 2003. The annual exhibition of life drawings, paintings & sculptures by the members of the Barron Arts Center Life Drawing Program. Free admission.

### ONGOING — AUGUST 17

Madison — King John, Shakespeare's gripping political drama about the king who was forced to enact the Magna Carta. For more info & tickets call 973-408-5600.

### ONGOING — AUGUST 31

Newark — The Newark Museum presents the film, Half Past Autumn: The Art of Gordon Parks, a legendary American Artist. For more info call 973-596-6550.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

Atlantic City — Terence Blanchard's "Bounce" Tour. For more info call 212-924-3916.

### AUGUST 7 — AUGUST 10

New York — The Steve Wilson Quartet CD Release Celebration with special guest performer Phillip Manuel & Carla Cook. For time, location & reservations call 212-576-2232.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

New York — Jackie Paris Quartet. Long praised as the finest jazz singer of his generation. For times, location & reservations call 212-576-2232.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Newark — Tom Butts & Larry Norman at Military Square Park part of Neighborhood Summer Concerts 2003 presented by the City of Newark, featuring Jazz, variety Blues & Rhythm & Blues. Free & open to the public.

### AUGUST 14 — AUGUST 17

New York — Freddy Cole. Brother of Nat "King" Cole will perform songs that his brother made famous. For time, location & reservations call 212-576-2232.

## Religion

### ONGOING

Newark — St. James AME Church invites you to Sunday worship service at 10:45 a.m., 588 Dr. M.L.K. Drive. For more info call 973-622-1344.

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## U.S. Census shows Elizabeth population continues to grow

Elizabeth — According to new numbers released by the United States Census Bureau, the population in the City of Elizabeth continues to grow steadily. Over the past two years the City has gained nearly 3000 new residents, which makes it the fastest growing city in New Jersey among the large cities with populations over 100,000.

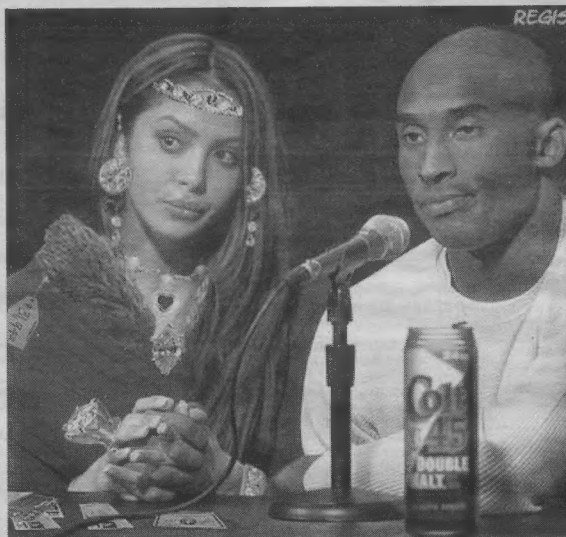
"The Census report shows that Elizabeth continues to be a place of destination," said Mayor Chris Bollwage. "Our efforts to revitalize the city and create more and better housing and job opportunities for our residents have made Elizabeth a more attractive place. The report shows that people like what we are doing and want to come here to live."

The numbers, released by the Census Bureau's Population

Estimates Program (PEP), reflect the changes in population estimates for cities and towns all over the nation that have occurred in the two years since the Census 2000 report. During this time Elizabeth has experienced a 2.2% population increase. According to the numbers the City's population is 123,279 in 2002. That is 2,711 more people than the city had in 2000 when the population was estimated to 120,568.

The report shows that the City of Elizabeth is growing faster than the other large cities in the State with populations of over 100,000. The new numbers also reestablishes that Elizabeth is the fourth largest city in New Jersey following Newark, Jersey City and Paterson.

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## Black America squanders potential power

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enslaved and we had half of one percent of this nation's wealth. One hundred and forty years later, when we're supposed to be free, we still have half of one percent of the wealth of the richest nation on earth."

A major reason for Black America's failure is the inability to recycle its money within its communities, he implied. Nearly all of Black income is spent directly outside of Black hands, because Blacks do not practice group economics—pooling of money, focusing it into one geographical area and purchasing in a bloc, he added.

A perfect example of group economics, according to Anderson, was accomplished in the Greenwood District of Tulsa, Okla., in the early 1900s—a time when legal segregation forced Blacks to do business among themselves. Commonly referred to as "Black Wall Street," the area became a nationally recognized entrepreneurial center, as dollars circulated 36 to 1,000 times within the Black community, according to authors Jay Wilson and Ron Wallace in their book on the subject.

Among over 600 successful businesses were 21 churches, 21 restaurants, 30 grocery stores and two movie theaters, plus a hospital, a bank, a post office, libraries, schools, law offices, a half-dozen private airplanes, and even a bus system.

On a fateful June 1, 1921, the business district was bombed

from the air and burned to the ground in a riot by mobs of envious Whites, including ranking city officials.

Today, there are 38.3 million Blacks in America and more than 400,000 Black businesses, according to Anderson. He claims that in the past 25 years, other ethnic groups have increased their disposable income and out-produced Blacks in wealth because they practice group economics, resulting in the creation of more businesses.

"One out of every 10 Asians is in business; one out of 35 Whites is in business; one out of every 54 Hispanics is in business; and only one out of every 104 Blacks is in business," he said.

Anderson encourages Blacks to use what he calls competitive advantage in industries where Blacks dominate in consumer patterns or in population.

"If you consume more leather than anyone else, you should be manufacturing leather," he said. "Blacks need to come together, pool their resources, build industries around their competitive advantages and control everything from the resources at the bottom to the manufacturing and production, warehousing and distributing, all the way to retail market at the top, and confine their money by buying Black and selling to any color." "Otherwise, they will never be able to survive in this society," he said. Ridgely Muhammad, an agricultural economist and manager of Muhammad Farms, points to the economic program of the

Honorable Elijah Muhammad as a solution to the ills of the Black community. And it starts with the land, he said.

"When I heard the Hon. Elijah Muhammad say that agriculture is the root of civilization, I changed my major in undergraduate school from architectural engineering to agricultural economics," he said. "The children of Israel were taken out of Egypt and given the Promised Land so they could be a free people."

There has never been in the history of the world a people who were free and independent with no land. The number one thing a nation must do is feed its people," he said.

Muhammad said that the American agricultural economy is being slowly worn down, explaining that 90 percent of family farm income comes from off-farm employment.

To help save Black farms, he proposes that Blacks in each city form a buying group to collectively purchase produce in bulk orders for distribution throughout the community. Several major cities, he said, have buyers clubs successfully underway. He also commended the POWER company and MATAH network for striving to lead in the manufacturing and distribution of Black products and goods.

"We've got good jobs, but we end up paying the money right back to the people who we're working for," he said.

According to Jawanza Kunjufu, author and publisher of "Black Economics: Solutions for

Economic and Community Empowerment," the three ways to develop wealth are entrepreneurial ventures, real estate or the stock market.

A recent Chicago Sun Times report showed that Black investment in the market dropped from 74 percent last year to a current 61 percent, and that Blacks are looking into real estate as a more viable investment option. The TMN report says that housing was Black America's greatest expenditure in 2002, at over \$131 billion.

Entrepreneurship, which Kunjufu said was championed for Black Americans by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Marcus Garvey, offers many challenges. He claims, however, that Black Americans could maintain their communities, despite a nine-year peak in unemployment, by supporting Black businesses.

"For every \$1 billion that we spend with each other, we employ 50,000 more of our people," he said.

Asians and Jews circulate money better, he said, because they make decisions based on community, while Blacks make decisions based on price. But Blacks hesitate to support Black merchants because their prices may be higher or the same as the competitor, he added. The challenge also lies, he said, in location.

The 25 percent of Black households that earn a substantial income live in the suburbs where there are considerably fewer

Black businesses, said Dr. Kunjufu.

"If your best Black minds do not live or work, spend, volunteer or invest in the Black community, can it be anything else but a ghetto?" he asked.

James Clingman, an adjunct professor at the University of Cincinnati and founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, echoed others who say that control of manufacturing, production and distribution are key to economic empowerment.

"We have a lot of income, but we don't have a lot of wealth. And we don't have wealth, because we simply transfer our wealth to others by spending most of that with businesses other than our own," said Clingman.

But he also contends that Blacks have psychological barriers. "We're also rich in intellectual capacity, and that's what bothers me," he continued. "If most of us were not psychologically enslaved, we would be spending with one another, we would be building more businesses and supporting them, we would be pooling our capital and pooling our intellectual resources and doing more for our people, just like others are doing in this country."

"The only reason I see for us being the most educated and intellectual Black people on this earth, and having nearly \$700 billion go through our hands and still be in the condition that we're in, is that we're still psychologically enslaved," he said.